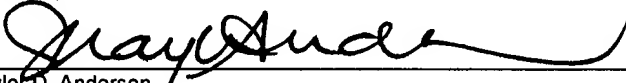




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**AMENDMENT B**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 5, 2006 for which a shortened statutory period for reply has been extended up to and including May 5, 2007. A petition for a two-month Extension of Time is attached hereto. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.